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Title: Method for Producing Melt-stable Homo- and Copolyesters  
of Cyclic Esters and/or Diesters

**Commissioner for Patents****Alexandria, VA 22313-1450****PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the first office action, please amend the instant application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please substitute the attached amended paragraphs of pages 1, 5, and 10 for the corresponding paragraphs on file.

Please add the attached Abstract of the Disclosure to the specification.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Claims 1 through 15 of the literal translation are cancelled.

Please add the attached new claims 16-38 to the specification.